

## UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

If you need to ride the church van to our services, please contact **Scott Harris** at 931-629-5994.

We will be meeting in person for Sunday school classes at 9:30 a.m., and we will be meeting in person in the auditorium for worship at 10:30 a.m. on **Sunday, November 6, 2022**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

**DOOR GREETERS** (front foyer) for **Sunday, November 6:**  
**Kim Smith and Matthew Smith**

Masks are available for your use as you arrive. Hand sanitizer is available. On Sunday mornings, we are continuing to use individual/personal communion kits (PCKs). Please place your empty PCK back into the plastic bag and discard it as you exit. You can deposit your contribution in the slot boxes in the foyer.

If you are sick in any way or running a fever, we obviously expect you to continue to worship with us online or on the radio. If you are especially vulnerable to the more drastic effects of Covid-19 and/or these safety measures will be difficult or impossible for you to follow, then we understand if you choose to stay home and worship with us online or on the radio.

### CONSOLE and PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sunday, November 6: **Russ Gallian and Jeremy Snider**  
Sunday, November 13: **Mark Evans and Caleb Evans**  
Sunday, November 20: **Mark Evans and Caleb Evans**  
Sunday, November 27: **Tommy McClaren and Ethan Cooper**

We are **meeting in person** for Wednesday evening Bible classes at 7 p.m. Jacob is teaching the adult class in the auditorium. Everyone (adults and children), please remember to assemble in the auditorium FIRST to hear announcements and further information.

## REMOTE ACCESS

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Via Internet: Go to (1) **Pulaski Street's Facebook Page** or (2) **Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel** at 10:30 a.m.

Via Radio: The Sunday morning services will **air at about 6 p.m.** (6 p.m. is not an exact time; the broadcast should begin sometime between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) on Sunday evenings at 106.1 FM (Lawrenceburg), 93.1 FM (Loretto), or 590 AM (Lawrence County) and via X Radio App on both Apple and Android.

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Class Livestream: Go to **Pulaski Street's Facebook page** or **Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel** at 7 p.m.

During church office hours (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.), you may pick up personal communion kits and/or drop off your weekly contribution. You may also mail contributions/donations to 247 Pulaski Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

### October 26 and October 30, 2022

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	144
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	158
Sunday Morning Worship.....	260
Sunday Evening Worship.....	est. 200+
Contribution (2022 Budget \$11,036.00).....	\$8,759.00
Average (last available).....	\$10,481.15

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### SCHEDULE of SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....	5:30 p.m.*
Wednesday Evening.....	7:00 p.m.
*4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays, 1 p.m. song service. 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays, no p.m. service.	

### SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

♦ On WDXE AM 1370/FM 102.5 ♦ 12:45 p.m. ♦ Monday – Friday ♦  
The upcoming week of November 7 – November 11 will be hosted by the **LEOMA** Church of Christ.

### PANTRY LIST

instant potatoes/8 oz. pkg.      rice/1 lb. bag  
crackers/1 lb. box      macaroni & cheese/7.25 oz. box  
quick oats/18 or 42 oz.      OR boxes of individual packets  
dried beans/1 lb. bag      ramen noodles/3 oz. pkg.  
cans of: tuna/6 oz.      Vienna sausage/5 oz.      salmon/ 15 oz.  
SpaghettiOs, ravioli, etc./15 oz. can  
fruit or vegetable juice/46 oz. can or bottle  
peanut butter/18 oz. jar      soup/10.5 oz. can  
canned vegetables/14.5 oz. can...  
(corn, green beans, peas, baked beans, pork & beans, etc.)  
canned fruit/15 ¼ oz. (peach, pear, etc.)  
canned meat/12-24 oz. (Spam, Treet, Chicken, etc.)  
jelly, jam, or preserves/18-32 oz. jars

Monetary contributions are always welcome!  
Make check payable to Pulaski Street Church of Christ,  
and please indicate "PANTRY" on the memo line.  
Thank you!

# PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

## PULASKI STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Excuses People Make for Not Going to Church

### Part Three

"Going to church" is a popular, modern phrase that we frequently use to refer to the practice of attending worship services on a regular basis at a particular congregation. Admittedly, the phrase can leave people with the impression that "church" is simply an event to attend each Sunday rather than the people of God who are called to live for Him each day. Nevertheless, we should acknowledge that assembling with other Christians for worship—especially on Sundays—is an important aspect of being a Christian (cf. 1 Cor. 11:18, 20, 33). Despite its importance, however, many people, including professing Christians, make excuses for not regularly attending worship services. We've already looked at six excuses; in this article, we'll look at the last three.

**"The people aren't very friendly."** I've been a visitor elsewhere, and it is frustrating to walk in, worship, and walk out without people speaking to you, much less taking notice of you. But I've come to realize that if I want to make friends wherever I go, I have to be a friend to make a friend (cf. Prov. 18:24, KJV). And let me say, perhaps with a tinge of biasness, that Pulaski Street is a friendly congregation. That's not to say that a family or individual here or there hasn't been overlooked, but a consistent and concerted effort is made by many members every Sunday to make our visitors feel welcome.

**"Too many of those folks down there are hypocrites."** If this person's definition of a "hypocrite" is anyone whose practice doesn't perfectly match his/her profession, then I guess we would all have to admit to being hypocrites. Why? Because nobody is sinlessly flawless (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8, 10), which would mean that not even those who make this excuse are perfect. The fact is we are all imperfect, and we can be inconsistent, insensitive, and incompetent at times. After all, we are human. The church exists so that we can help each other deal with our shortcomings, uncover our blind spots, and make changes for the better (cf. Eph. 4:11-16). An extremely brief response to this excuse could go something like this: "If, in fact, so many of us are messed up down here, while you're obviously not, then why don't you come down here and help us?" Another extremely brief response to this excuse could be "Your soul is far too precious to allow a few hypocrites to get in the way of your salvation." Yes, any given church is bound to have a few bona fide hypocrites who not only believe they are holier than everyone else but who also refuse to acknowledge their sins and failures (cf. Luke 18:9-14). But it's difficult to imagine a congregation where this is true of the majority.

**"I've been feeling discouraged lately."** When you're feeling blue, it's hard to want to go anywhere, but when you're feeling discouraged, what better place is there to be than in the presence of God and His people? I know it might not always seem like it, but most folks are struggling with something, e.g., sin, discouragement, apathy, or something else. In worship, they are hoping to hear an encouraging word from the Lord. They are hoping to get medicine for their weary soul. Those who make this excuse might get what they need, and they may even be able to encourage someone else in the process. Hebrews 10:24-25 is as much about assembling to encourage as it is about encouraging us to assemble. Worship services are the absolute best place to go when you're feeling down. They will help you to shift your focus from yourself to God and others.

Imagine making any one of the excuses we've discussed over the last three weeks in the hearing of a Christian who's undergoing severe persecution for his/her faith but still makes every effort to assemble with the saints. Imagine making one of these excuses in the presence of Christ who suffered and died on your behalf.

**Jacob Evans**

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Please speak with the elder chairman regarding anything you'd like the elders to discuss or to arrange a time to meet with them.  
The elder chairman for October, November, and December is **Bob Markus**.

**DEACONS:** Shayne Adams      Joe Cook      Jim Donnelly      Mark Evans      Scott Harris      Billy Helton III      Reggie Holt  
Shane Hughes      Andy Lee      Mark Miller      Brad Nielsen      Tanner Romsdal      Caleb Shadrick      Glenn Snider

**MINISTERS:** Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325      Jeremy Gargis, 931-231-9557      Rodolfo Espinoza, 615-516-0650 (Hispanic Ministry)      **AGAPE COUNSELOR**, 931-762-8502

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## placed membership

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On Sunday, October 30, 2022, it was announced that **DAVID and BECKY SIMMONS** have placed their membership here at Pulaski Street. The Simmons family, including daughters **Sibyl** (who is 15 and a sophomore at LCHS) and **Charlee** (who is 13 and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at EOC), recently moved to Tennessee from Katy, TX, and now live at 876 West Point Road in Lawrenceburg. **David** is self-employed, and **Becky** works for Independent Financial.

There are three older children in the Simmons family. Oldest son **Alex**, 21, lives in Austin, TX, where he attends Southwest School of Bible Studies and hopes to be a preacher. Son **Parker**, 20, lives in College Station, TX, and works for a truck accessories company. Daughter **Lauralee**, 19, lives in Austin, TX, and attends Southwest School of Bible Studies. Once she has completed that, she plans to seek a degree in agriculture.

We welcome the Simmons family, and we look forward to working and worshipping with them.

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## thank you

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Dear church family,

Thank you for the beautiful fall floral arrangement sent for condolences in the passing of my brother.

Also, we want to thank everyone who has sent a card, called, or made a visit. Most especially we are thankful for all the prayers on Mom's behalf during the past several months.

**Betty Chapman**  
and daughters **Charlotte Bonine** and **Janice Stephenson**

Dear Ladies at Church of Christ,

I am currently in treatment for breast cancer at Maury Cancer Center and was honored today to receive one of your beautiful knit caps. I love wearing a cap at night as it gets colder, and this is perfect. Thank you for your thoughtful gift.

**Sue Gorsh**

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## area opportunities

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**Saturday, November 5: Ladies Day.** Fairview Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN. Speaker Ira Booker. Breakfast at 8 a.m. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Program from 9 a.m. until noon. Pre-register on the Fairview church's Facebook page.

**Saturday, November 19: Young Ladies Day.** Leoma Church of Christ. Speakers Wisenie Jadis, Anna Benavides, Anniston Butler. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch is provided.

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Therefore let us be grateful for receiving  
a kingdom that cannot be shaken,  
and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship,  
with reverence and awe,  
for our God is a consuming fire.  
Hebrews 12:28-29, ESV

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## sympathy

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We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Mary Alice Tidwell** on the death of her sister-in-law, **ROSA HARRIS**. The funeral was held on Tuesday, November 1, in Loretto, TN.

Condolences may be sent to **Mary Alice** at **407 Palmer St., Lawrenceburg TN 38464**.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **PHERBIA STEPHENS**. Pherbia was a longtime member of the Dorcas Sewing Group that meets here at Pulaski Street. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to Pherbia's daughter, **Peggy Howard**, at **228 Cemetery Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464**.

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## coming soon

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### NOVEMBER

**Saturday, November 5: Ladies Holiday Party.**

This event begins at 6 p.m. in the fellowship building. We will have a catered meal and exchange gifts. If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring three identical unwrapped gifts. We will also be collecting toys to donate to Spirit of Santa. If you have any questions, please see **Brittany Evans**.



**Saturday, November 5:** Before retiring, **move your clocks back** one hour.

**Sunday, November 6:** **Daylight Saving Time ends.**

**Sunday, November 6: Special Event.** 1 p.m. in the main foyer. See bulletin board, e-mails, and overhead announcements for details.

**Sunday, November 6: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Wednesday, November 9: Songs Class.** 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

**Saturday, November 12: Golden Age Banquet.** You are invited to a gathering beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the FB in honor of those who are sixty years old and up. A delicious meal will be served, and a devotional followed by a fun game with prizes will round out the evening. If you have any questions about this event, see **Sandy Adams**.

**Sunday, November 13: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Sunday, November 20: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Thursday, November 24: THANKSGIVING DAY.**

**Sunday, November 27: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** 1 p.m. song service.

### DECEMBER

**Saturday, December 24: COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST.** This will take place on the morning of Christmas Eve beginning at 9 a.m. in the FB. We will need help cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We will post more information closer to the date. Speak to **Jacob** or **Brittany Evans** if you have questions.

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## youth news

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**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Songs Class!** 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the auditorium. Please join us as we familiarize ourselves with some new/new-to-us songs!!

**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Golden Age Banquet!** Come and help serve our golden agers for this always enjoyable event!

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Maury County Area-wide!** Meet in the south parking lot at 4:25 p.m. to head to Cathey's Creek Church of Christ.

**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> - Lambs Activity!** This activity will take place in the church foyer at noon. Make your plans to be there! **Notice the change in date from the 11<sup>th</sup>!**

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Planning Session!** This will take place in the fellowship building right after FEAST.

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - Shoals Area Youth Series!** We will meet in the parking lot at 4:00 p.m. to go to Heritage Christian University for this event. Supper will be provided.

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - Good Works Wednesday!** Lions, meet in the south parking lot at 5:00 p.m. We will go make a visit, and we'll eat supper before coming back for Bible class.

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Maury County Area-Wide!** I will let you know what time we will meet later on.

### Closing it out:

Many Christians often place trials and temptations into the same category, but they are two very different things. Thinking about the difference between them could help us to handle each one more appropriately.

Trials are things that are completely beyond our control. They are external factors that we can't change. Trials are things that happen to us. They test our faith. Some examples of trials that come to my mind are sickness, death, natural disasters, fires, and the loss of a job. We have no control over these things, and while the effects of them may not necessarily be devastating, there is no denying that they bring stress into our lives. A good biblical example of someone who had many trials to endure is Job. He lost everything. But God was still faithful!

Temptations, on the other hand, are internal. They are within our control, and they are specific to each one of us. I may not be tempted by the same things that you are and vice versa. According to James 1:14, "each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire." It is a personal, internal struggle. Temptations can come about in response to a trial that we are facing, such as being tempted to lash out in rage about a specific trial that life has thrown at us. The two are completely different things. But God is also faithful in temptation.

In 1 Corinthians 10:13, Paul tells us that we won't be tempted beyond what we are able to bear and that God is faithful amidst the temptations we face. This is true. It is also true that we need to understand that this statement is relative only to temptations. There absolutely will be trials that we face in life that we simply cannot handle on our own. In those phases of life, we need to remember that God is faithful and to lean on Him and His people.

Until next time...**Jeremy Gargis**

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## prayers are requested

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*Addresses are included (when possible) in case you'd like to send cards.*

**JANET JACKSON**, daughter of **Dan and Nita Pinckley**, was scheduled to have surgery at Williamson Medical Center on Wednesday, November 2, to repair disks in her cervical spine. **596 Weakley Creek Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464**.

**WALKER MCCLAREN**, infant son of **Eric and Mandy McClaren**, has been hospitalized at Maury Regional since his premature birth on October 10. He is doing great, and it is hoped that he'll be able to go home sometime this week. **709 9<sup>th</sup> St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464**.

**DIANA SMITH** had skin graft surgery last week; it went well. She now has a wound vac to aid in healing the wound. She'll be having another skin graft surgery within 2 to 4 weeks. Diana is continuing treatment for and recovery from the severe foot injury she suffered in a UTV accident back in September. **19 Pruitt Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464**.

**HOWELL BIGHAM**, former preacher at Shiloh Church of Christ who has spoken here several times, was able to return home on Monday, October 31, after having surgery last week to repair an aortic aneurysm. He is doing well but is feeling very tired. **451 Ridgecrest Lane, Killen, AL 35645**.

**DEBBIE BROWN**, sister-in-law of **Theresa Brown** and **Pam and Reggie Holt**, was able to return home on Monday, October 31, after having major colon surgery last week at Vanderbilt UMC. She is making progress in her recovery. **230 Gibbs Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464**.

**JOY BROWN**, grandmother of **Jeremy Gargis**, suffered a fractured kneecap, heel, and ankle last week in a car accident. She had surgery to repair the ankle with plates and screws, and she is recovering at Summit Rehab Center at Mitchell Hollingsworth. Send cards to her at her home address: **2845 County Road 81, Florence, AL 35633**.

**GEORGE CLIFTON**, brother of **Tim Clifton**, was airlifted to St. Thomas West last week with a blood clot. After having scans, George has now been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. He has commenced a round of treatment. **414 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464**.

**DOYLE COOPER**, father of **Ethan Cooper**, had an appointment last week with his doctor to discuss results of his PET scan. Cancer was detected in his lymph nodes. There was also an area of concern in one kidney, but the doctor thinks that is a small cyst. Doyle is being scheduled for about five-and-a-half weeks of radiation treatment for prostate cancer, and the doctor is optimistic. **309 Pond Field Rd., Westpoint, TN 38486**.

**MARGARET DAVIS**, sister-in-law of **June Bivens** and friend of the **Markus family**, is now in NHC Lawrenceburg, Rm. 102, after a stay in St. Thomas with pneumonia. **413 Beuerlein St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464**.

**ROBERT OSBORN**, cousin of **Tim Clifton**, is back recovering at the home of his brother after a stay in Nashville where he had rehab for severe injuries he suffered in a recent motorcycle accident.

**CHARLEY STAGGS**, the 11-month-old grandson of **Randall and Cathy Staggs** (who are also on our prayer list), has been diagnosed with anaplastic large cell lymphoma. He has already begun chemotherapy treatment. Send cards to Charley and family *c/o Monroe Carell Jr Children's Hospital, Room 5416, 2200 Children's Way, Nashville TN 37232*.

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*Please also continue to pray for:* **Ginny Chapman, Ricardo Diaz, Jackie Keaton, Elizabeth Land, Michael Mashburn, Tony and Lisa Parrish, Debbie Phann, Stephanie Taylor, Howell Bigham, James Brown, Jamie Casteel, Pattie Clevenger, Keith Faulkner, Susan Fisher, Brent and Cindy Gobbell, Marissa Grigsby, Cierra Haffner, Katie Holman, Steve Kelley, Tim and Renee Miller, Oliver Morrow, Dennis Smith, Randall and Cathy Staggs, Darlene Surratt, Don Sweeton, Van Vansandt, James Weeks**, and all those mentioned recently.